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15. (New) An optical apparatus for vacuum ultraviolet lithography,

comprising the optical element as set forth in claim 9.

REMARKS

Claim 11 has been amended and claims 14 and 15 have been added to correct improper multiple dependencies. No new matter has been added.

Favorable consideration and early passage to issue are respectfully requested.

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**APPENDIX**

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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claim 11 has been amended as follows.

11. (Amended) An optical apparatus for vacuum ultraviolet lithography, comprising the optical element as set forth in claim 8 [any one of claims 7 to 9].

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